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Expedited Procedure – Examining Group 1614

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Application of

Applicants : Michael G. Hayek
Serial No. : 09/579,694
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Title : PROCESS AND PRODUCT FOR ENHANCING IMMUNE RESPONSE IN
COMPANION ANIMALS USING A COMBINATION OF ANTIOXIDANTS
Docket : IAM 0523 PA
Examiner : R. Henley, III
Art Unit : 1614

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2001.
Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and
remarks below which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.
Accordingly, entry of this amendment after final rejection is respectfully solicited.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A pet food product for enhancing immune response in a companion animal, said
pet food product comprising a pet food composition containing an effective amount of a
combination of vitamin E, lutein, and β -carotene, said composition including from about 175 to
about 400 IU of vitamin E per kilogram of diet, from about 1 to about 50 mg/day of lutein, and
from about 1 to about 50 mg/day of β -carotene.